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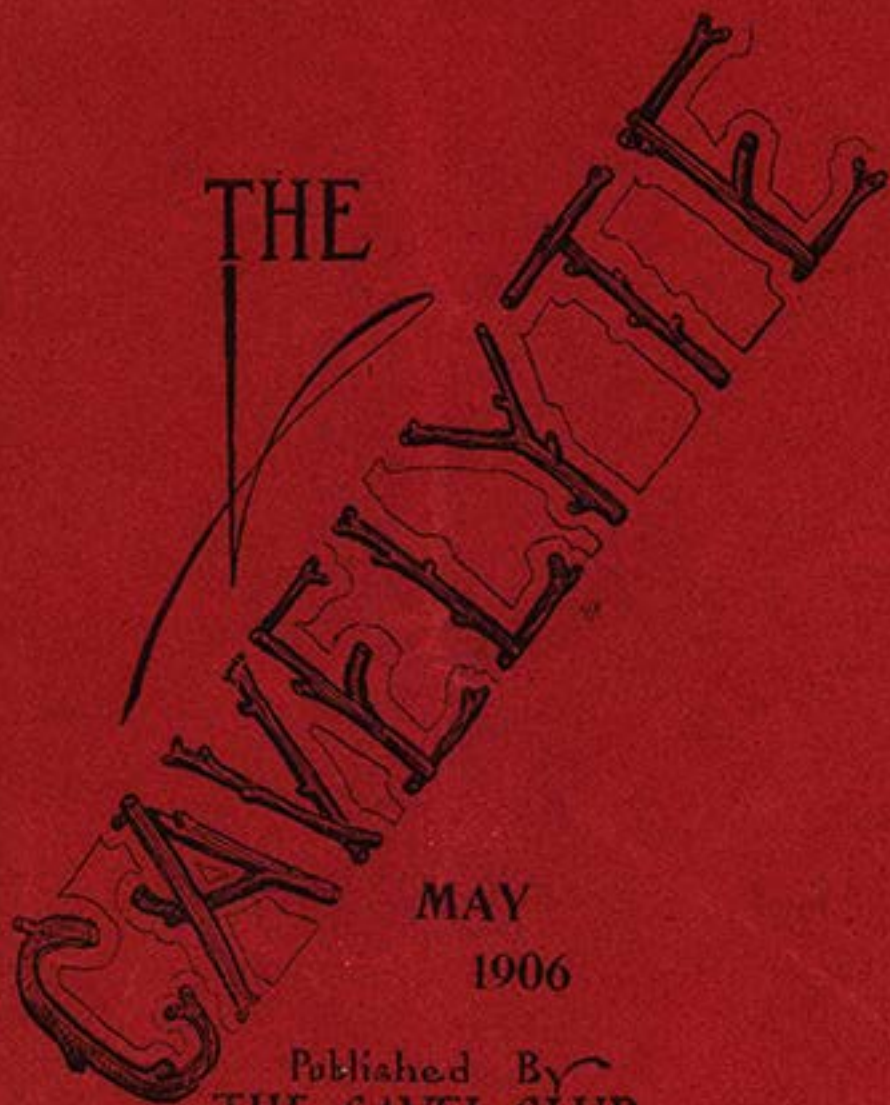
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## Local News.

Wonder why Prof. McC. always carries a cork-screw?

Prof. Morris, Mabel Moore and Sara McCown were shopping in Xenia, April 21st.

Billy Watt, "A. A." Austin, "Prof." Ware drove to Xenia on the afternoon of May 4th.

Misses Mable Moore and Sara McCown spent the 5th and 6th of May with Miss Margaret Lackey.

Mr. John Wilson, class of '03, of the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, is home on a vacation.

R. B. Shaw, class of '04, coached the actors in the entertainment given by the Philosophic Society May 11th.

On the evening of April 26 an audience was well entertained by the Misses Starbuck and Gray, of Cincinnati, who rendered a very excellent musical program.

Prof: (In Logic) "Mr. Ware, what are ruminant animals?"

"Prof." Ware: "Those that ruminate."

On the evening of May 1st Walter Morton painfully injured his ankle while coming down the opera house stairs.

Prexie McKinney, D. D., A. M., at a recent meeting of the Ohio Sunday Observance Association, was elected president of the association.

A. A. Austin in discussing the party at Murdock's said: I do not believe in these rural, nocturnal, pedestrianistic perambulations.

It seems evident that Prof. McCesney's moral standard is declining, if last Saturday night's telephone episode is any criterion to go by.

J. C. Starbuck, of Cincinnati, read an interesting paper before the students on April 27. Rev. Milligan led devotional exercises in the chapel on the same day.

We want notes—not bank notes—but pithy, pointed, pungent class notes! Contribute!

It must be hard on Ritter and Mabel to look into each other's eyes through two pairs of glasses.

Prof. Morris: (In Amr. Lit.) "It is not necessary to remember the dates of the birth and death of the author."

A. A. A.: "That's good. I never was good in higher mathematics."

Prof. Fitzpatrick: "How many of the class have looked over this lesson, Mr. Brigham, have you?"

Micky: "Why, er—yes. I over looked it."

On Sunday evening, May 6, a Sunday observance meeting was held at the United Presbyterian church. The meeting was well attended and good talks were given by Dr. Middleton, Revs. Sanderson, Henry, Milligan and McChesney.

On May 25th the inter-collegiate debate, with Wilmington College, will take place in the Cedarville opera house. The question for debate is, "Resolved, that the Railroads of the United States should be owned and controlled by the Federal government." Cedarville College upholds the affirmative of the question and will be represented by J. Finney, '06; W Shaw, '06; R Marshall, '07.

Prof: (In Psych.) Mr. Austin, what is fantasy?

"A. A." Austin: An involuntary spontaneous imagination originating in the subconscious perceptive faculties.

Prof. Jurkat and wife visited in Xenia, Saturday, May 5th. Other Cedarville people seen there were "Dutch" Marshall, "Sporty" Nash, "Chick" Ritter, Vera Andrew, Martha Anderson, "Slab Artist" Estle and "Sorrel Top" Corry.

Prof. Fitz: "Miss Smith, define 'property.'"

"Artistic" Eleanor: "It is any quality which is common to the whole of a class, but is not necessary to mark out that class from other classes."

Rrof: "Fight. Give example."

"A." E.: "Men's clothing."

In the game between C. C. and Wilberforce April 30th. "Deerfoot" Marshall was struck on the elbow by a pitched ball and a bone of the forearm was fractured in two places. "Deerfoot" had shown up well in practice and his loss to the team will prove a serious handicap.

On the evening of April 27, about a dozen of our students drove to Yellow Springs, incidentally to attend the meeting of the literary societies of Antioch College. Besides enjoying a very good program, they noticed many commendable features, by which our own societies can profit.



## The New Constitution.

On Tuesday evening, May 1, the committee, which was appointed at the last meeting of the Alumni Association of Cedarville College, to revise the constitution, met at the home of Miss Mary Ervin and accomplished the work of revision. Two members of the committee, Dr. J. Cecil George and Rev. Walter A. Condon, were not at the meeting. Prof. J. R. Fitzpatrick, of the college faculty, was invited to assist in the work.

The following is a draft of the constitution, as revised, and which will be presented to the association for adoption at its coming meeting.

### **Constitution of the Alumni Association of Cedarville College.**

#### ARTICLE I.—MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. No person who shall not have completed any regular course in Cedarville College, in any of the departments, and shall not hold a diploma from said college, shall be eligible to membership in the Alumni Association of said college.

SEC 2. Applications for honorary membership shall be considered at any regular meeting of the society.

SEC. 3. Honorary members shall consist of members of the Faculty, Board of Trustees and any person who shall have satisfactorily completed the work in any department of

said college to within less than three terms of graduation.

SEC. 4. Life membership shall be constituted according to the provisions of Article V, Sec. 2.

#### ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of said society shall consist of a President, five Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and an Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of said society; shall decide all questions of order; also shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office not herein provided for.

SEC. 3. The Vice Presidents, in the order of seniority of graduation, shall, in the absence of the President, perform his duties. If neither President nor any Vice President shall be present at any meeting of said society, a temporary chairman shall be elected.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary-Treasurer shall record the names and addresses of all members of said society; shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of its meetings in a journal provided for that purpose; shall record in said journal, the yeas and nays on any subject considered by said society, if requested to do so; shall receive all moneys of said society; shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expendi-

tures; shall pay all duly certified orders; shall furnish an accurate statement of his receipts and payments at any meeting of said society and whenever called upon by the Executive Committee; and shall, at the end of his term of office, present his books to the Executive Committee to be audited.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary-Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. The Executive Committee shall execute all measures entrusted to it by said society; shall have charge of all matters of finance and all business of the society not otherwise provided for; shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be open, at all times, for inspection by any member of the society, and shall have power to make rules governing its own proceedings and to fill vacancies occurring in its membership.

SEC. 6. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

#### ARTICLE III.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of said society shall be held on Commencement Day, of each year, at 2 o'clock p. m.

SEC. 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President on the writ-

ten request of any three members of the Executive Committee, or any seven members of the society.

SEC. 3. Twelve members of the society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business, except the adoption of amendments to this constitution.

#### ARTICLE IV.—ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. An election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting of said society. The officers shall be elected for one year and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be chosen and qualified in their stead.

SEC. 2. The election of officers shall be by ballot; but shall, on motion, be held viva voce, unless objected to by seven members present.

SEC. 3. In case of the death, removal, or resignation of any officer, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy thus created, until the next election.

#### ARTICLE V.—PAYMENTS.

SEC. 1. Dues to the amount of fifty cents, payable in advance, shall be assessed on each member annually.

SEC. 2. Any member of said society that shall have paid in his annual dues for five years and is not in arrears, shall, upon the payment of the sum of five dollars, and any other member shall upon the payment of the sum of eight dollars, in lieu of



their annual dues, become a life member of said society. The funds arising from such source shall be used for the benefit of said society.

#### ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed in writing, signed by five members, at any meeting of said society; but no amendment shall be adopted except by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting at which said amendment is to be considered. Said meeting shall not be held in less than one year from the time of the proposal of said amendment. A quorum for the adoption of any amendment shall consist of not less than twenty members.

#### ARTICLE VII.—RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall be taken as a basis for the rules governing all the meetings of this society.

S. C. Wright, Chairman,  
Dora Siegler, Secretary,  
Mary B. Ervin,  
J. R. Fitzpatrick,

Committee.

Prof Jurkat: (In History Class),  
What is a flying buttress?

Charles B.: I don't know.

Prof.: Reason it out.

C. B.: Can't.

Prof.: That's easy. A billy goat is

a butter. Then, a nanny goat would be a buttress, and a flying buttress would be a nanny goat in action. See?

#### The Party.

Thursday evening, May 3d, about forty young people walked out to the Misses Murdock's—that is, all walked except one couple, who, on account of the southerly direction of the course, the beautiful moon-light and the vantage point for viewing the Aurora Boreallis, went in a buggy.

All enjoyed the evening hugely and at a late hour, when the time to depart came, it looked as if this afore-said couple were to be included amongst the pedestrians. For, as usual, when one half of this couple goes driving, something is sure to happen. This time, when looked for, no buggy could be found. After a prolonged search, the horse was finally discovered, quietly munching at a hay stack, back of the barn.

The next day, when questioned, something was said about the stars being no less beautiful in the "wee sma' hours."

#### Mabel's Soliloquy.

I looked at John, John looked at me;  
O, Shaw, which shall it be—it be?



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**The New Catalogue.**

The first copy of the new catalogue has come from the press. While in the main it is a better one than last years it will be disappointing to many. In the first place too little change is made in the course of study. Most students agree that the entrance requirements are too low and we hoped that the new catalogue would show that they had been raised. Then too, our course is weak in the English department. Were the entrance requirements raised, Mythol-

ogy and Beginners Rhetoric eliminated from the preparatory course it would enable us to have another years work in Literature.

The science department is also weak but while we would like to see it bettered yet it seems that under our present equipment we are doing the limit of work.

We notice that State has been eliminated which will of necessity do away with the requirement of European History as preparatory to it. This is well, so far, but too few electives are now offered. There should be some in the Junior year and additional ones in the Senior year.

Another thing in which we think many will be disappointed is in the opening of the new course of Transportation, Economics, Banking and Finance. Lectures in this course are not to begin until the spring term and the course will not be permanently started until Sept. 1907. The need of the college and community for such a course is so great that it is to be regretted indeed that the Trustees have been compelled to put it so far away. However it is there and we can congratulate ourselves, that we have in prospect such a treat.

A large attendance at the meeting of the Alumni Association, this year, is desired. Matters of importance are to be considered.

### What is Needed?

A review of the work of the Literary societies for the past year brings us to the question, Is it not after all a superficial benefit? The programs have been almost without exception the same, week in and week out. While a great deal of good has been done we admit, yet after all has it been of a kind that is of sufficient depth and breadth to apply to the after life of the student? A superficial ability has been given to rise before an audience and deliver a declamation or read an essay but what training have the societies given in the important feature of thinking on your feet and presenting your thoughts in a clear and forcible manner to your audience? Or what real literary training have they given? Has there been a permanent good derived from the occasional biography? Has there been any systematic study of writers and their works?

I am afraid that as we look over the years work we will be compelled to admit that we might at least have done much more. It may be said that the extemporaneous speaking has done much for the members. Perhaps it has. But the extemporaneous speeches are all of a class, and invariably of but a few words or sentences. The development of a line

of thought while on the feet has so far as we know not been tried. The cultivation of any thing but the mere courage to rise and deliver a previously prepared or committed production has been largely neglected.

While in this years Senior class we will lose many valuable members to the societies, yet it is incumbent upon we who remain behind to make the improvement on the work next year. And let us begin now and prepare for it. No better work can we accomplish in our college than obtaining accurate knowledge of the worlds writers and in enjoying their facility of expression while before an audience and in a moments time.

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### Ode to a Senior.

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A happy old Senior, Josephus,  
Continu'ly prayed, O, Lord, keep us,  
From danger and woe,  
Wherever we go,  
'Spec'ally my darling Sarephus.

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There once was a Senior named Shorty,  
Who was so exceedingly sporty,  
If you ere asked him why,  
He'd reply with a sign,  
I'll wish I had Moore when I'm forty.

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Every alumnus should visit his alma mater as often as possible. Can you not attend commencement this year?



# SOCIETIES.

## Gavel Club.

The members have been extremely busy performing their daily routine of duties as College life during this spring term has been, to a high degree exceedingly strenuous for the Gavel Club members.

Athletics and Social functions with numerous other affairs have entered in and absorbed their full share of the time. The Gavel Club's accomplishments have been complete successes financially, intellectually, morally and every other way.

The Gavel Club has stood for true genuine College spirit and has maintained and perpetuated it. The motto, "Hop to it," seemingly has been an inspiration or impetus for the members to aspire to higher and greater accomplishments. One step forward in the line of progression was made in the interesting meeting held on April 19th, at which meeting a Mock Trial was held. Mr. J. C. Marshall was tried and convicted of breaking into Prof J. F's Botany Laboratory. Mr. Joseph Finney acted in the capacity of Attorney for Defendant and Mr. Claude Estle was prosecuting Attorney. Walker Austin and Mr. Bruce Liggett were the

states most important witnesses and Mr. R. Marshall and Mr. W. R. Shaw were the defendants chief witnesses. Mr. Gordon Ware was the County Clerk and Mr. L. Loyd Confarr acted as the Big Judge for the occasion and performed his duties to perfection basing his judgments, which were made with the soundest of discrimination and the best of discretion, on the nature of the testimony which was of a very interesting order.

Judge Confarr evidently is a star and he is deserving of having his name linked with Alton Parker and Melville Fuller. The Gavel Club members are now making extensive preparations for the June issue and are looking forward to it with eager anticipation of pleasure.

## Philosophic.

The Philosophic Literary Society enthusiasm which was thought to have reached a climax, on April 6th on which date an oratorical contest was held, has not been impaired in the least.

The high standard displayed in the contest has been retained. The contest was a flattering success and the six participants acquitted them-



selves honorably. Rev. Middleton, Rev. Sanderson and Rev. Milligan acted as judges of the event and gave the speakers the following grades:

Earnest McClelland 91 13-27.

Alberta Creswell 91 1-27.

Carrie Finney 89 2-3.

LeRoy Henderson 87 21-27.

William Ritter 82 2-3.

John Nash 81 2-3.

Earnest McClelland the declared winner of the event spoke well and was a very formidable competitor from the start. All of the other rivals can not be classified in any other class than that of excellent as they all delivered their declamations well, displaying rare ability. The meeting held on April 23d was alive with interest and was one of the most interesting meetings of the year. The meeting was characterized by the splendid music and extemporaneous speaking. Mr. John Nash read an interesting essay which showed some serious thought and Miss Jennette Orr delivered an oration which was above the average.

### Philo Society.

The merit and success of the Philo meetings will distinguish the year naught six from all others and the year will stand pre-eminent among

all preceeding years.

A majority of the members have been brought together to work for the same end and they have shown that barriers can be surmounted and unity installed and that they can all appreciate merit in one another.

A small portion of the members need something to eradicate their germs of inertia and indifference and they undoubtedly need something in the form of a tonic for their feeble society spirit which has degenerated to absolute zero.

Let us be of a generous spirit and hope for the inauguration of some wholesome spirit of loyalty and devotion to the Philo Society that will counteract the many distractions which enter in.

The meeting held on April 23d. was one of the most entertaining meetings of the year. The declaiming and the excellent music rendered were the chief features of the programmes and the society was favored with a vocal solo by Miss Nelle Catherine Turnbull which was highly appreciated by all present.

A very interesting debate was held on the question, "Resolved that Flag Rushes should be Prohibited." and every phase of the question was dealt with and carefully weighed and considered by both affirmative and negative. Mr. L. T. Marshall and Mr.

Joseph Finney upheld the affirmative and Mr. George Stewart and Mr. Charles Baskin the negative side of the question. The result was a victory for the affirmative. The meeting held on April 30th can be distinguished from all other meetings by the interesting Omnigraph read and prepared by Miss Fern Ervin. The paper was interspersed with news, logic and wit and showed careful preparation and clear thinking.

At the last meeting, held on May 7, Miss Jennie Murdock delivered a declamation which was exceedingly well rendered. Miss Murdock was dramatic and delivered the piece with intense tragic earnestness and oratory. Miss Murdock holds a W. C. T. U. Silver Oratorical Medal. The music for the evening was furnished by Miss Sara McCown and Mr. John Stewart, and Miss Mable Moore and Miss Mary Williamson read well written essays. A debate was also held between Mr. C. G. Ware and Walker Austin on the eccentric subject "That Horse Racing and Foot Ball should be abolished." The judges decided in favor of the negative of the question which side was upheld by W. Austin.

New officers were elected which are as follows: Pres., David Brigham; V. Pres., C. Gordon Ware; Sec., Ina Murdock; Cor. Sec., Mable Moore.

### Alumni Banquet.

The Banquet committee gladly takes this opportunity of the Gavelyte going to all the Alumni members to make a general announcement concerning the banquet. Notices have already been sent to all members of the association. Answers have been received from some of these, either expressing regrets or stating the pleasure of acceptance. The committee would like for every member seeing this notice to please report at once, so standing room may be reserved and if space is required for more than one do not hesitate to report that also. A. Banquet, to the usual standard, will be held in the College Halls on the evening of commencement day, June 7, at 7:30 P. M. Let us all come back and meet old classmates, revive old acquaintances, see Cedarville, and enjoy a pleasant evening together. This takes place but once a year and each one could well afford to cross the continent to be present. Let all come, the committee with due notice will be well prepared to entertain.

### Athletic News.

Wilberforce University was defeated by the College boys at Cedarville on Monday April 23 by the close score of 8 to 7, but the favor was returned with interest when they came to Cedarville by defeating them to the score of Cedarville 16, Wilberforce 4. Good work was



noticeable in all the Cedarville boys both with the bat and in the field and the game was easy from start to finish. Although this is the first season for Brigham, who is holding the position as right fielder on the college team, he is to be congratulated on the good work he is doing. In the Wilberforce game he succeeded in landing a nice hit, bringing in two scores.

Since Wilberforce is not satisfied we shall play off the tie on the Cedarville Campus May 14, to decide two best games out of three.

### Was it a Dream?

The cracker-box in the Clifton grocery was occupied by a nodding form. When he was nothing else, the nodding form was a student at Cedarville College, though from his present appearance you would never suspect it. The head bent lower and lower, while the clock monotonously ticked on. From the smile playing upon his face, it was evident he was dreaming. Two young ladies stepped into the store, and engaged the clerk in conversation. Their greatest desire at the present moment, was a buggy-ride. When the clerk remembered the propensity of "Pinky" Confarr for such amusement, he said he had a friend whom he knew would be glad to accommodate them.

Soon the girls left, and the clerk stepping to the sleeping form, awakened him and told him of his visitors and their desire. Hurrying from the store, the former sleeper, arrayed in his best, hitched up and drove all about, looking for the aforesaid young ladies; but after a vain search of a couple of hours, he was compelled to return, without even a glimpse of the fair ones. Question: Was it a Dream?

### Eva Marshall Shontz.

In February, Eva Marshall Shontz delivered an address in Springfield. The Xenia Gazette, commenting upon it said:

More than twelve hundred people heard the address delivered Sunday afternoon, at the Second Presbyterian church, in Springfield, by Miss Eva Marshall Shontz. It was an interested audience which filled the entire auditorium and Sunday school room. The entire seating capacity was occupied and many were standing in the aisles. Speaking of Mayor Brennan, of Xenia, she said: A man going unexpectedly to his office, one morning, found him on his knees in prayer. When this man praised him for his work, against the liquor traffic, Mayor Brennan replied, "It is not my work; it is God's"

There is no doubt, from the above, of her interesting address, and Cedarville is to be congratulated that it will have a chance to hear her on May 24th.



**Philosophic Entertainment**

On the evening of May 11, the Philosophic Literary society gave an entertainment, in two parts. Part 1, "Per Telephone," a farce, in one act. Part 2, "Mr. Bob," a comedy in two acts. A large audience listened to the performance and we have heard nothing but words of praise. The society members have worked long and faithfully and their success is well merited. The characters were as follows:

**PART 1.—"PER TELEPHONE"**

Guy Harling.....John F. Nash  
Ned Austin.....Loyd Confarr  
Nan Cuzzin.....Verna Bird  
Mary Halcome.....Janet Tarbox  
Nora, a servant.....Jeannette Orr

**SYNOPSIS**—Telephone conversation  
Guy calls to Nan. Telephone keeps

him from proposing. He is called to Europe. Mary is proposed to by telephone. A mistake. Ned comes back from Australia. Guy returns unexpectedly. Everything is explained. All's well.

Vocal Duet, Messrs. Seigler and Ustick  
**PART 2.—"MR. BOB."**

Philip Royson.....Fred Williamson  
Robert Brown.....Earnest McClellan  
Rebecca Luke.....Carrie Finney  
Katherine Rogers....Lunette Sterrett  
Marion Bryant.....Pearl McCampbell  
Jenkins, the butler.....David McElroy  
Patty, the maid.....Julia Harbison

**ACT 1.** Scene, Breakfast Room.  
Aunt Becky has cats on the brain—  
Brown—Mr. Bob—Philip's deserta-  
tion—Brown thought to be Mr. Bob.

**ACT 2.** Patty is dramatic—Brown  
in trouble—Boat race—Things are  
made clear—Mr. Bob is identified.

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